

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
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<b>Bill Number Version</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Board Position</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>AB 2</b>  V-09/30/2008	Dymally	<b>MRMIP: Pay or Play</b>  Requires health care service plans and health insurers to elect to either make available all of its group or individual health benefit plans to individuals in each service area, or to alternatively pay a fee covering its market share, as determined by MRMIB based on covered lives. August 14, 2008 amendments define "covered lives" as individuals who receive health care coverage provided or indemnified through an individual health plan contract or individual health insurance policy.		09/30/2008- Vetoed by the Governor
<b>AB 36</b>  A-05/05/2008	Niello	<b>Public Employees' Retirement: Fraud</b>  Establishes a definition of, and penalties for, fraud when done so in connection with benefits, or an application for benefits, administered by CalPERS, CalSTRS, or '37 Act County Systems.	Support	08/31/2008- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was P.E. & R. on 06/23/2008)
<b>AB 376</b>  V-09/30/2008	Nava	<b>Local Safety Member: Airport Police Officers</b>  Allows contracting agencies to include their airport law enforcement officers as local safety members through an optional contract amendment.	Neutral	09/30/2008- Vetoed by the Governor
<b>AB 524</b>  V-09/30/2008	Hancock	<b>Contracting Agencies: Service Retirement; West County Waste Water District: Health Vesting</b>  Gives the West County Waste Water District a contract option to provide an employer contribution at the 100/90 formula for postretirement health coverage if the employee completes at least 10 years of state service with the District at retirement, as specified. This provision only applies to district employees who are first hired on or after January 1, 2009.	Support	09/30/2008- Vetoed by the Governor

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AB 545  C-09/30/2008	Walters	<b>Service Retirement: JRS II - Military Leave</b>  Allows CalPERS to process applications to purchase service credit for active duty military leave by members of the Judges Retirement System II (JRS II), to comply with the federal Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA).		09/30/2008- Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter No. 626, Statutes of 2008
AB 1203  C-09/30/2008	Salas	<b>Health Care Service Plans: Poststabilization Care</b>  Prohibits a noncontracting hospital that fails to contact a health care service plan to provide poststabilization care from billing the enrollee for poststabilization care, except for applicable copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles, unless the patient assumes financial responsibility for the care, as specified, or the hospital is unable to obtain the health care service plan's name and contact information, as specified. The bill would delete the requirement that a health care service plan contacted for poststabilization care authorization discuss the enrollee's medical record with an appropriate hospital representative and would instead require the noncontracting hospital's representative, upon receiving authorization for poststabilization care, to request the patient's medical record from the patient's plan or its contracting medical provider. In addition, the bill would specifically require that a health care service plan, or its contracting medical providers, provide 24-hour access for noncontracting hospitals to obtain timely authorization for poststabilization care, as specified.	Support	09/30/2008- Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter No. 603, Statutes of 2008

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AB 1554  A-06/18/2008	Jones	<b>Health Plan Rate Approval</b>  Would require a health care service plan or disability insurance policy to receive approval by the Department of Managed Health Care or the Department of Insurance of an increase in the amount of the premium, copayment, coinsurance obligation, deductible, or other charges that would be effective on or after January 1, 2009. This article shall not apply to a State Program, though State Program is not defined in this bill or the Health and Safety Code. This article shall not apply to a proposed rate increase of less than 5 percent if the health care services plan's medical loss ratio during each of its three most recently completed reporting years is 90 percent or higher. In addition any rate increase that became effective between January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2008 would be subject to a review by the appropriate department. This bill excludes the Medical Program, Healthy Families Program and Medicare supplement plans.		08/31/2008- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was HEALTH on 06/26/2008)
AB 1561  A-08/22/2008	Calderon, Charles	<b>State Tax Conformity with Federal Tax Changes</b>  Among other things, provides state conformity to federal income tax laws to make permanent an exclusion for public safety employees from the 10 percent early withdrawal penalty on distributions made to beneficiaries of certain annuities and employees' trusts, as well as the tax treatment of certain distributions of pension plans. Also provides conformity with the recent federal exclusion from taxation of gross income of qualified public safety officers retired for service or disability, their spouses and dependents, up to \$3000 annually in direct distributions from an eligible public retirement plan to pay premiums for health, accident, or long-term care insurance.		08/31/2008- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 08/30/2008)
AB 1770  A-06/10/2008	Laird	<b>2008-2009 Budget Bill</b>  This bill would make appropriations for support of the state government for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.		08/31/2008- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was BUDGET on 06/12/2008)

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AB 1774  A-04/22/2008	Lieber	<b>Mandated Benefits: Gynecological Cancer Screening Tests</b>  Requires that a health care service plan contract and a health insurance policy be deemed to provide coverage for any test necessary for the screening and diagnosis of gynecological cancers when ordered by a physician, nurse practitioner, or certified nurse midwife. This coverage must be consistent with national professional standard guidelines.		05/30/2008- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(11). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE)
AB 1844  C-09/27/2008	Hernandez	<b>Public Employee Benefits</b>  (1) Establishes a definition of, and penalties for, fraud when done so in connection with benefits, or an application for benefits, administered by CalPERS, CalSTRS or '37 Act County System. (2) Allows CalPERS investigators increased access to information maintained by the EDD or by the workers' compensation insurers with respect to an investigation of benefit eligibility or unlawful application for, or receipt of benefits. (3) Requires public agencies to report electronically the most current actuarial valuation within 9 months of end of fiscal year to the State Controller. Also requires the State Controller to develop cost-effective procedure to collect and report this information and post on Controller's web site. (4) Requires State Controller to publish its annual report on financial condition of all state and local public retirement systems within 12 months of receiving information from systems and agencies, but no more than 18 months after the end of the fiscal year.	Support	09/27/2008- Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter No. 369, Statutes of 2008
AB 1858  A-03/24/2008	Jeffries	<b>Benefit Forfeiture</b>  Requires a public employee first hired on or after January 1, 2009 that is convicted of a specified felony arising out of his or her official duties to forfeit the retirement benefits that accrue as a result of his or her public employment and shall receive only the employee contributions made during his or her employment.		06/02/2008- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(11). (Last location was P.E., R. & S.S.)

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AB 1874  C-09/26/2008	Coto	<b>Exclusion from Membership: State Fund Board Members</b>  Expands the Board of Directors of the State Compensation Insurance Fund from five to 11 members, specifies by whom each member must be appointed, term limits, and eligibility and training requirements. Also authorizes annual compensation of \$50 thousand and excludes directors from the Public Employees Retirement System.		09/26/2008- Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter No. 322, Statutes of 2008
AB 1887  V-09/30/2008	Beall	<b>Mandated Benefits: Mental Health Parity</b>  Requires all health care service plans to provide coverage and treatment of patients with mental health disorders that is equitable to coverage provided for other medical illnesses. Would define mental illness for this purpose as a mental disorder defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual IV, including substance abuse. This mandate does not apply to plans offered under PEMCHA.		09/30/2008- Vetoed by the Governor
AB 1936  C-07/22/2008	Emmerson	<b>Public Agency Definition: Nonprofit Mutual Water Companies</b>  Authorizes a nonprofit mutual water company to enter into a contract with CalPERS for participation of the agency's employees as members of the system if the agency obtains a ruling from the U.S. Department of Labor defining it as a public agency. Company must also comply with the Public Records Act and the Brown Act to qualify as a public agency.	Neutral	07/22/2008- Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter No. 191, Statutes of 2008
AB 1967  I-02/14/2008	Torricon	<b>Responsible Private Equity Investment Act of 2008</b>  Prohibits CalPERS and CalSTRS from investing in private equity companies or the funds they manage, that are owned in whole or part by a sovereign wealth fund whose home country is not a signatory or party to a threshold number of specified international human rights treaties.		06/02/2008- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(11). (Last location was P.E.,R. & S.S.)

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AB 1997  V-09/30/2008	Hayashi	<b>Vision Care: Local Member Annuitants</b>  Requires CalPERS to establish and administer the Retired Public Employee Vision Care Program for local, school and university members. This self-funded program would provide vision care coverage to specified retirees and their dependents similar to the Vision Care Program for State Annuitants administered by DPA. CalPERS proceeds only if the start-up costs are funded. In the third year, CalPERS would be required to report to the Legislature on the economic sustainability of the program.	Support	09/30/2008- Vetoed by the Governor
AB 2023  C-09/27/2008	Houston	<b>Disability Benefits</b>  Requires the granting of disability retirement benefits to public employees in California be based solely on competent medical opinion, and expressly prohibits personnel, disciplinary, or other ancillary considerations as the basis for granting these benefits.	Support	09/27/2008- Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter No. 370, Statutes of 2008
AB 2024  I-02/15/2008	Houston	<b>Disability Retirement Medical Exams</b>  Allows CalPERS to request up to two medical re-evaluations for individuals over the minimum age for service retirement if they have been receiving a disability allowance for less than 36 months. Medical re-evaluations after retirement currently cannot be requested if the retiree has reached the minimum age of retirement for service applicable to his or her retirement formula.		06/02/2008- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(11). (Last location was P.E.,R. & S.S.)
AB 2156  C-07/08/2008	Hernandez	<b>Safety Members: Special Death Benefit</b>  Clarifies eligibility for the special death benefit by stating that an injury that results in a persistent vegetative state lasting until the member's death qualifies that member's dependants for the special death benefit and continued health coverage.	Neutral	07/08/2008- Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter No. 74, Statutes of 2008
AB 2174  A-06/05/2008	Laird	<b>Mandated Benefits: Amino Acid-Based Elemental Formulas</b>  Requires health care service plan contracts and health insurance policies to provide coverage for the use of amino acid-based elemental formulas for the diagnosis and treatment of eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders and short bowel syndrome when the prescribing physician has issued a written order stating that the amino acid-based elemental formula is medically necessary.		08/31/2008- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 07/14/2008)

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AB 2234  A-04/22/2008	Portantino	<b>Mandated Benefits: Breast Conditions</b>  Provides that plans or policies issued, amended, delivered, or renewed on and after January 1, 2009, shall be deemed to provide coverage for tests necessary for screening or diagnoses, as specified, of breast cancer upon referral of a participating nurse practitioner, participating certified nurse midwife, or participating physician, providing care to the patient and operating within the scope of practice provided under existing law. Also requires plans and insurers to send female enrollees or policyholders a written notice, as specified, regarding eligibility for tests for screening or diagnosis of breast conditions.		05/30/2008- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(11). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE)
AB 2287  C-09/27/2008	Evans	<b>Firefighters: Health Benefits</b>  This bill would require an employer to notify CalPERS of the death of a firefighter or peace officer within 10 business days of the employee's death, rather than the ten calendar days required by existing state law. It also makes technical, clarifying changes to the definition of a surviving spouse.		09/27/2008- Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter No. 455, Statutes of 2008
AB 2350  A-04/03/2008	Garrick	<b>Public Employee Benefit Prefunding</b>  Requires all contracting agencies within PEMHCA to begin prefunding their OPEB benefits on or before January 1, 2013.		06/02/2008- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(11). (Last location was P.E.,R. & S.S.)
AB 2626  I-02/22/2008	Jeffries	<b>Firefighters: Health Care Benefits</b>  The Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA) provides continuing health benefit coverage to the surviving spouse or eligible family member of a firefighter or peace officer who dies as a result of an injury or disease sustained in the line of duty. This bill would extend that health benefit coverage to the surviving spouse or eligible family member of a volunteer firefighter of a regularly organized fire department.		06/02/2008- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(11). (Last location was P.E.,R. & S.S.)

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AB 2636  A-04/21/2008	Arambula	<b>Emerging Domestic Market Data Consortium</b>  Authorizes the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing to establish the Emerging Domestic Market Data Consortium, after determining sufficient funds are available to allow a nonprofit corporation to implement and operate the consortium. The Consortium would, until January 1, 2015, maintain a database on historically underserved urban and rural communities communities, as well as companies that serve low-to-moderate-income populations, ethnic- and women-owned firms and other small- and medium-sized businesses, including financing data on the debt and equity of emerging domestic markets, and metrics to measure nonfinancial performance factors of these markets. The bill also requires the Secretary to form an Emerging Domestic Market Advisory Group of public pension fund representatives, to guide the development and management of the Consortium, and authorizes the consortium to apply for foundation grants and for other funding and would authorize the Director of Finance to accept monetary gifts, which would be deposited into the California Economic Development Fund, to establish and operate the consortium.		05/30/2008- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(11). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE)
AB 2677  A-04/03/2008	Krekorian	<b>Investments: Genocide</b>  Requires the Treasurer to receive evidence demonstrating that a corporation or partnership that conducts business in California has retained assets that rightfully belonged to a victim of genocide or the heirs of the victim, determine whether the corporation or partnership is improperly withholding the assets, and annually publish a report listing the corporations and partnerships that are profiting from genocide.		05/30/2008- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(11). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE)



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AB 2794  C-09/27/2008	Blakeslee	<b>Diagnostic Imaging Service Billing</b>  Prohibits a healing arts practitioner from charging, billing, or soliciting payment from any patient, client, or 3rd-party payer, as defined, for performance of the technical component of specified diagnostic imaging services not rendered by the licensees or persons under their supervision. Also requires a radiological facility or imaging center performing the technical component of those diagnostic imaging services to directly bill either the patient or the responsible 3rd-party payer for the services, and would prohibit the radiological facility or imaging center from billing the licensee who requested the services. The bill would exempt specified persons, radiological facilities, imaging centers, clinics, health care programs, or the performance of diagnostic imaging services within a licensee's office, from these provisions.		09/27/2008- Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter No. 469, Statutes of 2008
AB 2805  A-05/28/2008	Ma	<b>Health Care Coverage: Assigned Benefits</b>  Requires health plans and insurers selling individual preferred provider organization (PPO) coverage, to permit enrollees to assign benefits directly to health care providers, or to Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) in the case of a Medi-Cal beneficiary, in the same way that existing law allows enrollees in group coverage to assign benefits to providers or DHCS.		06/02/2008- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(11). (Last location was THIRD READING)
AB 2838  C-09/27/2008	Duvall	<b>Service Credit Purchases For Approved Absences Caused By Serious Illness</b>  Allows a member to purchase service credit for an unpaid, approved absence caused by a serious illness, upon their return to active service.	Support	09/27/2008- Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter No. 470, Statutes of 2008
AB 2940  A-07/10/2008	De Leon	<b>California Employee Savings Program</b>  Establishes the California Employee Savings Program (CESP) to allow any Californian employed by a private or non-profit employer to participate in a individual retirement plan developed and administered by CalPERS.	Neutral, if Amended	08/31/2008- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 08/05/2008)

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AB 2967  A-08/13/2008	Lieber	<b>California Health Care Cost and Quality Transparency Committee</b>  Creates the sixteen-member California Health Care Cost and Quality Transparency Committee in CHHS, which would be responsible for the development of a health care cost and quality transparency plan, including strategies to improve medical data collection and reporting practices. The CEO of CalPERS or his or her designee would be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Committee.	Support, if Amended	08/31/2008- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 08/30/2008)
ABX1 1  A-01/16/2008	Nunez	<b>Health Care Reform</b>  Requires the California Health and Human Services Agency in consultation with CalPERS and others to develop health care provider performance measurement benchmarks and incorporate these benchmarks into a common pay-for-performance model to be offered in every state-administered health care program including PEMHCA. It would require CalPERS to be part of an assessment of the cost and affordability of health care in California. Requires the CalPERS health program to provide or arrange for the provision of an electronic personal health record and a Healthy Action Incentives and Rewards Program to all its enrollees. It would require a designee of CalPERS to participate as ex-officio member of a newly created Health Care Cost and Quality Transparency Commission.		08/31/2008- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was HEALTH on 01/24/2008)
ABX1 3  A-11/08/2007	Dymally	<b>MRMIP: Pay or Play</b>  Requires a health care service plan and a health insurer to continue until January 1, 2009, to provide coverage to each individual who was terminated from the pilot program, with the benefits and premium for that coverage being determined by MRMIB, and to send those individuals a notice developed by MRMIB. The bill would, effective January 1, 2009, require a health care service plan and a health insurer to elect to either make available all of its group or individual health benefit plans to individuals in each service area, or to alternatively pay a fee covering its market share, as determined by MRMIB, of MRMIP's costs. It appears that PEMCHA would be included in the definition of covered lives.		08/31/2008- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was HEALTH on 11/08/2007)

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ABX1 8  A-11/08/2007	Villines	<b>Health Care Reform</b>  ABX1 8 proposes multiple strategies to address health care costs and access, including: tax incentives and government programs to promote and facilitate consumer-directed health care and employer-sponsored insurance; allowing the sale of out-of-state health insurance policies not subject to any California law or regulation; increasing Medi-Cal provider reimbursement rates and creating an income tax credit for physicians who provide unreimbursed care for the uninsured.		08/31/2008- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was HEALTH on 11/14/2007)
SB 11  A-07/05/2007	Migden	<b>Domestic Parnterships</b>  Would expand the definition of "domestic partner" by allowing two persons of opposite sexes who are over 18 years of age and meet other specified criteria to register as domestic partners. As domestic partners they would be entitled to the same rights and duties as a spouse with regard to all state laws, including community property, pension and death benefits, taxes, and health insurance coverage.	Neutral, with Suggested Amendments	08/31/2008- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 08/30/2007)
SB 608  C-02/28/2008	Wiggins	<b>JRS Optional Settlements</b>  Restores in statute, the ability of judges that have attained the minimum age for service retirement with at least 20 years of service to irrevocable elect to designate their spouse to receive an optional settlement 2 in lieu of a pre-retirement death benefit, under the same provisions of law in effect prior to January 1, 2005, which provides the surviving spouse a monthly allowance equal to the actuarial equivalent of the member's earned retirement. Also honors elections made by judges between January 1, 2003 and January 1, 2007 that designated their spouse or someone other than their spouse to receive this specific pre-retirement optional settlement.		02/28/2008- Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter No. 1, Statutes of 2008

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SB 840  V-09/30/2008	Kuehl	<b>Universal Coverage: Single-Payer System</b>  Makes all California residents eligible for specified health care benefits under the newly created California Healthcare System, which would, on a single-payer basis, negotiate for or set fees for health care services provided through the system and pay claims for those services. Prohibits the issuance of health plan contracts for services covered by the system. Creates the California Healthcare Premium Commission (the Commission) to determine the cost of the California Healthcare System and develop a premium structure. Requires the Commission to recommend a premium structure to the Governor and Legislature on or before January 1, 2011, and to make a draft recommendation to the Governor, the legislature and the public 90 days before submitting its final premium structure recommendation. Requires that the system be operative within two years of the Secretary of Health and Human Services notifying the legislature that sufficient funds exist.		09/30/2008- Vetoed by the Governor
SB 981  V-09/30/2008	Perata	<b>Health Care Coverage: Noncontracting Hospital-Based Physician Claims</b>  Prohibits non-contracting hospital emergency room (ER) physicians from directly billing enrollees of health care service plans (health plans) licensed by the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) under the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975 (Knox-Keene), other than allowable copayments and deductibles, and establishes statutory standards and requirements for claims payment and dispute resolution related to non-contracting ER physician claims, including an Independent Dispute Resolution Process (IDRP).		09/30/2008- Vetoed by the Governor
SB 1066  I-01/10/2008	Migden	<b>Domestic Partnerships</b>  Would expand the definition of "domestic partner" by allowing two persons of opposite sexes who are over 18 years of age and meet other specified criteria to register as domestic partners. As domestic partners they would be entitled to the same rights and duties as a spouse with regard to all state laws, including community property, pension and death benefits, taxes, and health insurance coverage.		05/30/2008- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(11). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE)

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<b>SB 1067</b>  A-06/11/2008	Ducheny	<b>2008-2009 Budget Bill</b>  This bill would make appropriations for support of the state government for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.		08/31/2008- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was B. & F. on 06/11/2008)
<b>SB 1123</b>  C-09/27/2008	Wiggins	<b>Pension and OPEB Benefit Cost Estimate Best Practices and Disclosure</b>  Requires state and local legislative bodies, including community college districts, to review the impact of future annual costs associated with OPEB increases before their approval. These actuarial impact statements must include normal cost and any additional accrued liability, produced by an actuary, signed by the agency chief executive officer, and made public at a meeting of the legislative body at least two weeks prior to its adoption. It also requires an actuary to attend the meeting where the adoption of a new pension benefit or OPEB is considered, and prohibits the legislative body from approving new benefits or benefit increases by means of a consent calendar. In addition, the bill creates a California Actuarial Advisory Panel (Panel) to provide impartial and independent information on pensions, OPEB's, and best practices to the public agencies.	Support	09/27/2008- Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter No. 371, Statutes of 2008
<b>SB 1300</b>  A-08/12/2008	Corbett	<b>Health Care Coverage: Provider Contracts</b>  Prohibits contracts between health care providers and plans or insurers from containing a provision that restricts the ability of the plan or insurer to furnish information on the cost of procedures, as defined, or health care quality information to subscribers, enrollees, policyholders, or insureds. Requires plans and insurers to involve health care providers in the development of that information prior to furnishing it to subscribers, enrollees, policyholders, or insureds , as specified. All quality of care data compiled by the plan or insurer must include specified clinical guidelines and utilize risk adjustment factors in a specified manner.	Support, if Amended	08/31/2008- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was UNFINISHED BUSINESS on 08/21/2008)

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<b>SB 1472</b>  C-09/26/2008	Ashburn	<b>CEA Eligibility</b>  This bill would expand eligibility to apply for a CEA position to individuals who have previously had civil service status, or to those who were employed by the legislature for two or more years. This expanded eligibility would lapse on January 1, 2013 unless extended by the legislature. Additionally, the bill would modify the final compensation calculations for these individuals.		09/26/2008- Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter No. 353, Statutes of 2008
<b>SB 1496</b>  C-09/27/2008	Ashburn	<b>Membership Classification of Excluded and Exempt State Peace Officers</b>  Clarifies the criteria that allows the DPA to limit the eligibility of excluded and exempt state employees that meet the statutory definition of peace officer, for membership in the CalPERS State Peace Officer/Firefighter classification, to those employees whose primary responsibilities consist of 1) direct supervision of state peace officer/firefighter personnel, 2) conducting investigations or audits within the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, or 3) the administration state program functions or units primarily engaged in active law enforcement or fire suppression. In addition, it requires the DPA provide annual reports to CalPERS and the Legislature regarding these determinations.		09/27/2008- Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter No. 408, Statutes of 2008
<b>SB 1550</b>  A-07/02/2008	Florez	<b>Corporate Governance: Climate Change Disclosure</b>  Requires the State Controller, in consultation with the investment community, to establish a voluntary investor-based climate change disclosure standard for use by public held corporations doing business in California. The climate disclosure standard would be consisted with "Global Framework for Climate Risk Disclosure."	Support	08/31/2008- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was UNFINISHED BUSINESS on 08/31/2008)
<b>SB 1601</b>  V-09/30/2008	Negrete McLeod	<b>Vision Care Program for State Annuitants: Direct Billing</b>  Allows the Vision Care Program for State Annuitant's plan provider to bill an annuitant directly if there are insufficient funds in an annuitant's allowance to pay the premiums. Also adds members of legislature who have worked 6 years or more to join the vision care program after separating from State service.	Support	09/30/2008- Vetoed by the Governor

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<b>SB 1611</b>  A-03/27/2008	Negrete McLeod	<b>Service Credit for CSU Academic Employees</b>  Permits CSU academic employees who are granted a reduced pay leave, such as a sabbatical or difference in pay leave, on or after January 1, 2009 to receive full service credit during the leave through a payroll reporting process instead of through a service credit purchase option after return to full employment at the end of the leave. The employee and employer would be required to contribute to the retirement fund the amount that would have been contributed if the member was not on a reduced pay leave. This provision is subject to collective bargaining.	Support	05/30/2008- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(11). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE)
<b>SB 1634</b>  V-09/30/2008	Steinberg	<b>Mandated Benefits: Cleft Palates</b>  Requires specified health care service plan contracts and the insurance policies to cover orthodontic services deemed necessary for medical reasons for cleft palate procedures, as specified, subject to a prior authorization and utilization review process as specified.		09/30/2008- Vetoed by the Governor
<b>SBX1 12</b>  A-01/14/2008	Runner	<b>Health Care Cost and Quality Transparency</b>  Creates the California Health Care Cost and Quality Transparency Committee in the Health and Human Services Agency, which would be responsible for the development of a health care cost and quality transparency plan, which would include various strategies to improve medical data collection and reporting practices. Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to designate a lead agency which would adopt regulations to carry out the bill's intent, and to contract with a qualified public or private agency or academic institution to assist in the review of existing data collection programs or conduct other research or analysis.		08/31/2008- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was HEALTH on 01/14/2008)

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SBX1 18  I-10/11/2007	Cogdill	<b>PEMHCA: Public Employees' Health Savings Fund</b>  Requires the CalPERS Board of Administration to offer a high deductible health plan and a health savings account option to public employees and annuitants, as specified. The bill would establish the Public Employees' Health Savings Fund, a continuously appropriated trust fund within the State Treasury, for payment of qualified medical expenses of eligible employees and annuitants who elect to enroll in the high deductible health plan and participate in the health savings account option, and would require those employees and annuitants, and their employers, to make specified contributions to that fund.		08/31/2008- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(17). (Last location was P.E. & R. on 01/07/2008)